Subject: Abbaside Khalifet gold dinar

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Dear Sir:-

Mr. John Robinson of Salem advised me to write you about a coin which I own, and would like to learn whether it is rare & the possible value.

I quote herewith the translation which I have which was made in Zanzibar at the time the coins were found.

Inscription on Arabic coins

One side in centre
There is no God but God only. He has no companion
round the rim
Mahomed is the apostle of God, who sent him to be a guide to the true religion to make it known to the whole world.

on the obverse, in the centre
Mahomet is the apostle of God.
round the rim
In the name of God this dinar was struck in the Year 166. (of the Hejeia)

Note Dec. 1862

a vase of these cufic coins was found two or three years ago at Zanzibar (1859) - They are of the same Dynasty, and dates vary from 100 to 200 years of the Hejeia i.e. between AD 730 & 830

An uncle of mine was in Zanzibar at the time, and the Sultan distributed the coins about among his friends - and my uncle was given one of them -

Perhaps you cannot tell much from the description I have given you.

If you were to be in Boston I could show you the coin -

Thanking you very much for any assistance you can give me, I remain

Very truly yours

Walter H. Trumbull

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Dear Sir:

The gold dinar that you have is not a rare coin; it is worth from Four to Five Dollars. It was made during the Abbaside Khalifet.

I am enclosing a rubbing of one of these pieces bearing the same date as yours, which we have here.

Your piece is interesting as having been found in Zanzibar.

Very truly yours,

Curator

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Enc.